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Roger Curtis Named Financial Services Advocate of the Year 2004

Casper – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Roger Curtis, US Bank as the Financial Services Advocate of the Year 2004. Additionally, Mr. Curtis has earned the honor of being the Regional Financial Services Advocate of the Year after competing against financial services advocates from Colorado, Idaho, Utah, South Dakota and Montana. On Friday, June 25, 2004, at the Casper Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Steve Despain, District Director will be presenting Mr. Curtis with these awards.

This award is given to an individual who assists small businesses in obtaining financing, either directly or indirectly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services. The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Roger Curtis has been in the "help you to obtain business financing" business since 1969. He has the unique perspective of being both a business owner and a lender. Roger knows profit margins, overhead costs and all the business jargon. He devotes hours to each and every customer, understanding their business and structuring the repayment of their loan. Roger has always been an advocate for his clients.

"Roger Curtis has been consistent and persistent in the 30 years of his lending career. His customers receive his financial wisdom and counseling that only a caring and competent person can give. Roger is a modest man that should take satisfaction in seeing the businesses he has helped with the loans he has made throughout the state," writes his nominator, Audrey Gillett, WIDC/Frontier Certified Development Company.